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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ABOUT TOM PAPPAS' MEMBERSHIP ON THE FUND
RAISING COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ELECTION

1. TO VIMA (LIBERAL, OPPOSITION) PRINTED A FRONT PAGE STORY
DECEMBER 19 UNDER THE HEADLINE "PAPPAS SEEKS FORD'S INTERVENTION
FOR COCA COLA* HE IS ALSO COLLECTING MONEY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S
ELECTION." THE STORY DATED DECEMBER 18 FROM THE PAPER'S WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT WAS BASED ON A UPI REPORT WITH THE SAME DATELINE

2. THE UPI REPORT, WHICH IS REPRINTED WITH THE STORY, MENTIONS
THAT PAPPAS HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE FUND RAISING
COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN. IT REFERS TO
EARLIER ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING PAPPAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
1968 AND 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS (DURING WHICH
PAPPAS HAS BEEN ACCUSED AS SERVING AS A CONDUIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
FROM THE GREEK MILITARY REGIME, ETC.). IN THIS RESPECT THE UPI
STORY ALSO MENTIONS THAT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ARE LOOKING INTO
PAPPAS' ACTIVITIES AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR MCGOVERN AND
REPRESENTATIVE DON EDWARDS

2. ROBERT MOSACHER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S FINANCE COMMITTEE,
IS QUOTED AS STATING HE KNOWS LITTLE ABOUT PAPPAS EXCEPT THAT HE HAS
BEEN A REPUBLICAN PARTY FUND RAISER IN MASSACHUSETTS AND THAT
"HE HAS SOME LOOSE CONNECTION WITH OUR COMMITTEE." HOWEVER, THE
UPI STORY (AS PRINTED IN TO VIMA) ALSO NOTES THAT RELIABLE
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SOURCES STATED PAPPAS WAS PRESENT AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE

COMMITTEE BEFORE MOSBACHER BECAME CHAIRMAN.

3. HOWEVER, THE LEAD PART OF THE STORY, WRITTEN BY THE TO VIMA WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, STARTS OFF SAYING THAT PAPPAS ASKED FOR THE PRESIDENT'S INTERVENTION WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT SO THAT HE WOULD NOT LOSE THE COCA COLA FRANCHISE. IN RETURN FOR THIS, HE ALLEGEDLY PROMISED HIS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ELECTION. THE CORRESPONDENT GOES ON TO QUOTE FROM THE UPI DISPATCH TO SUPPORT THIS

4. KATHIMERINI (PRO-GOVERNMENT) WAS THE ONLY MORNING PAPER TO CARRY THE UPI STORY, IN A BRIEF ARTICLE AND WITHOUT THE TO VIMA'S TWIST. ALL AFTERNOON PAPERS CARRY THE UPI REPORT BUT ONLY TA NEA (TO VIMA'S SISTER PAPER) PLAYS UP THE COCA COLA ISSUE--THE HEADLINE READS "SO THAT HE WON'T LOSE THE COCA COLA FRANCHISE "PAPPAS TO FORD: HELP (ME) SO I CAN HELP (YOU)".
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